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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 10-12, 16-22 and 40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-9 and 13-15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 10-12, 16-22 and 40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-22 and 40 are pending with claims 7-9 and 13-15 withdrawn from consideration.

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114,  
5 including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn  
10 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/29/2006 has been entered.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs  
15 of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

20 (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this  
25 subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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4. Claims 1-6, 10-12, 16-22, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Medoff, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0088517.

As per claims 1,16, and 40, the applicant describes a  
5 computer-implemented method for restricting use of a clipboard application in a multi-application computing environment, comprising the following limitations which are met by Medoff: a) receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a source application ([0082]-  
10 [0087]); b) determining whether the source file is a secured file ([0082]-[0087]), where the secured file cannot be accessed without a priori knowledge ([0077]); c) preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a destination application via the clipboard application when said determining determines that  
15 the source file is a secured file ([0082]-[0087]).

As per claims 2-4, the applicant describes the computer-implemented method of claim 1, which is met by Medoff, with the following limitation which is also met by Medoff: receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the  
20 destination application ([0082]-[0087]).

As per claims 5-6 and 21-22, the applicant describes the computer-implemented method of claims 1 and 20, which are met by Medoff, with the following limitation which is also met by

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Medoff: wherein said determining operates to determine that the source file is a secured file based on security information provided by the source application ([0082]-[0087]).

As per claims 10,17, and 18, the applicant describes the computer-implemented method of claims 1 and 16, which are met by Medoff, with the following limitation which is also met by Medoff: storing alternate content to the clipboard application in place of the designated content when said determining determines that the source file is a secured file ([0082]-[0087]).

As per claims 11-12 and 19-20, the applicant describes the computer-implemented method of claims 10,16, and 17, which are met by Medoff, with the following limitation which is also met by Medoff storing the designated content to the clipboard application when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file ([0082]-[0087]).

### ***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 11/20/2006, with respect to the 102 rejections based on Mast and SecurityOptions have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 102

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rejections of claims 1-6, 10-12, 16-22, and 40 based on Mast and SecurityOptions have been withdrawn.

6. Applicant's arguments filed 11/20/2006 with respect to Medoff have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

5 Applicant argues that Medoff fails to disclose a secured file cannot be accessed without a priori knowledge; there is no determination that a source file is a secured file since a webpage is not a source file; and the clipboard application does not prevent the usage of the content because there is no  
10 clipboard application.

With respect to Applicant's argument that Medoff fails to disclose a secured file cannot be accessed without a priori knowledge, Applicant is referred to paragraph [0077] where access to the web page is only granted when a username and  
15 password (or cookie with this information) is presented.

Therefore since a password is a priori knowledge (as described in paragraph [0017] of Applicant's Specification), Medoff discloses a secured file cannot be accessed without a priori knowledge.

20 With respect to Applicant's argument that there is no determination that a source file is a secured file since a webpage is not a source file, each URL pointing to a webpage is a pointer to a specific source file stored within a server and

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as stated above when a user attempts to access this source file via a URL a username/password are required. Therefore, there is a determination that a source file is secured (the requirement for a username/password) because a webpage is a source file.

5 With respect to Applicant's argument that the clipboard application does not prevent the usage of the content because there is no clipboard application, the claims do not require the clipboard application to prevent the usage as that claims state, "restricting use of a clipboard application in a multi-  
10 application computing environment". Nowhere do the claims state that this restricting of use must be done by the clipboard application itself. Therefore, when Medoff teaches a server preventing copying and pasting of data, the claim is still anticipated. Furthermore, Applicant states Medoff does not even  
15 have a clipboard application, however, in order to provide the copying and pasting as taught by Medoff, the system must have a clipboard application to manage the copying, the subsequent storing, and the final pasting of information.

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**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Pyzocha whose telephone number is (571) 272-3875. The examiner

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can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm first Fridays of the bi-week off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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